

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed on November 8, 2006 is acknowledged. Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's restriction requirement for lack of unity of invention under PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2. Although applicants traverse the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, the Group recited in new claim 33.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-31 were pending for examination. Claims 32 and 33 have been added. Amendments to claims 1-31 and the addition of new claim 32 have been made to conform the PCT international claims to U.S. practice. Claim 33 has been added in response to the Examiner's statement on page 7 of the Restriction Requirement that applicants may submit a Group for provisional election. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the lack of unity of invention restriction is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

II. Unity of Invention

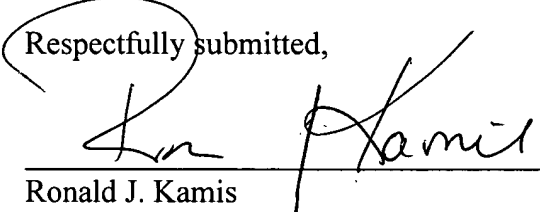
The Examiner submits that formula I, A-D-B, is a string of symbols, not a chemical formula. Applicants respectfully submit that formula I is a proper chemical formula. The formula A-B-D is a proper chemical structure because all of the variables are properly defined and the dashes ("-") represent covalent bonds. For these reasons applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's grounds alleging lack of unity of invention.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for offering to applicants the opportunity to provisionally elect a Group not listed in the exemplary groupings provided in the Restriction Requirement. In response, as stated above, applicants have added new claim 33. Accordingly, applicants provisionally elect the Group of claim 33.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entrance of the above claim amendments. In view of the above amendments and remarks, early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite prosecution. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3380.

Respectfully submitted,



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